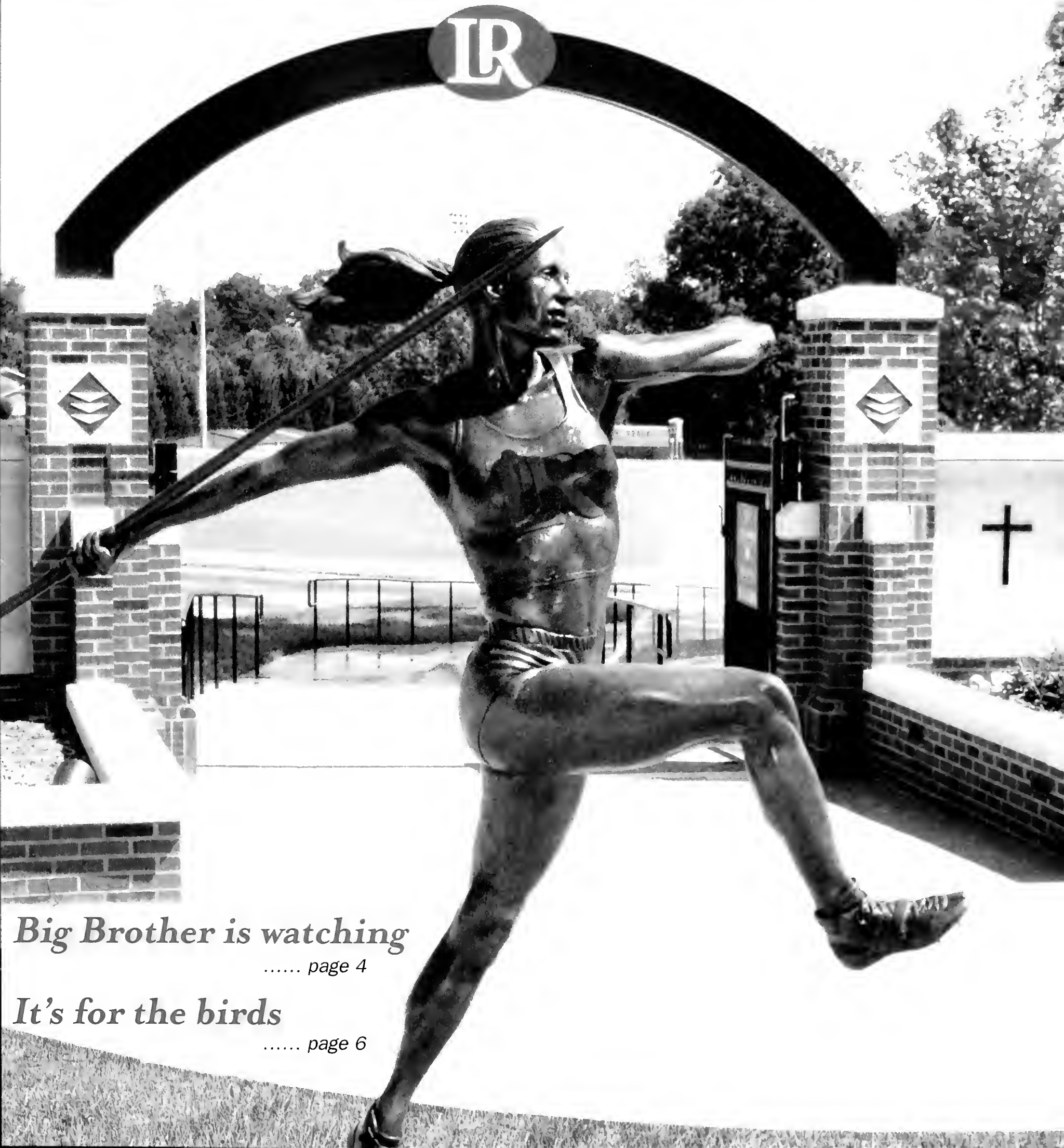


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The global economic situation has created difficult times for all of us. In Hickory we have seen unemployment rise above 15 percent. Each of us knows many people who have lost their jobs, and we all know families whose life savings have been decimated. In spite of these personal tragedies, I see a very positive spirit about our future, not just here in Hickory but around the country. That spirit, the determination and the resilience, will bring us back to better times than we have seen before. I am confident of that.

All elements of society have been hit hard by this recession, and higher education is not immune. Typically, in periods of recession, community college enrollment rises, but the funding for these colleges is often cut. This has certainly happened in North Carolina this year. State universities are at the mercy of tax revenues, resulting in diminished resources during recessions. Historically, state universities respond to revenue shortfalls by capping their enrollment, and many have followed that path during the current economic crisis.

In times of recession, private colleges and universities often suffer from losses in enrollment as well as diminished revenues from endowments and donor support. The reports we are receiving from most of our colleagues in private higher education are quite varied. The institutions with huge endowments became dependent on the earnings from these endowments over the years, and they are now experiencing the need to make significant cutbacks in expenditures due to the loss in this revenue. Colleges with small endowments and enrollments have little flexibility to make adjustments. Even one-year declines in enrollment can be devastating, and some of these colleges have to make very difficult decisions regarding their futures. Lenoir-Rhyne fits in between these two categories and, as such, was better positioned to respond to the economic crisis.

Immediately after the stock market crash in the fall, we began a series of processes to plan for a variety of possible scenarios. We developed plans to allow us to respond to possible losses in enrollment, declines in endowment, and potential diminished donor support. Throughout the spring, we reviewed our situation on a continuous basis and took actions to protect the long-term viability of Lenoir-Rhyne. In the end, we are finding that although this has



been an unusually competitive year, our enrollment will actually grow from last year. Our endowment has taken a major loss, about 21 percent of its value, but we adjusted our spending rate to help prepare for the losses. Our donor support has remained strong, and in fact we have recently received a couple of the largest gifts ever granted to the institution. To ensure that Lenoir-Rhyne is protected in the years to come, we did find it necessary to take some specific and painful steps. We granted no salary increases for the first time in many years, and we froze hiring at all levels. Furthermore, we found it necessary to reduce the number of staff positions at the university. These steps were very difficult for us personally, but they were taken after careful and thoughtful planning. The result is that we are able to continue to offer all services and programs for our students, including full funding of all of our financial aid programs. For various reasons, many other institutions were not as fortunate as Lenoir-Rhyne. A number of them have terminated tenure-track faculty positions; many furloughed faculty and staff; some reduced or eliminated benefits to employees; and others reduced salaries of employees.

On a relative scale, Lenoir-Rhyne has weathered the economic crisis better than most. This is because of our careful planning and the strong position from which we entered this environment. As the economy improves, we will not have to repair damage from salary cuts or program elimination. Rather, we are poised to continue our growth and provide our excellent services to an even broader group of students. We expect to be playing an even greater leadership role in higher education in the coming years.

Thank you for all you have done to support Lenoir-Rhyne and our students. Together we will share a very bright future at your university.

Sincerely,

*Wayne B Powell*

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This statue of a female javelin thrower is one of six new athletic statues donated by Irwin Belk. For details, turn to page 14. *(Photo by Margaret Allen)*

## Lenoir-Rhyne University Mission Statement

In pursuit of the development of the whole person, Lenoir-Rhyne University seeks to liberate mind and spirit, clarify personal faith, foster physical wholeness, build a sense of community, and promote responsible leadership for service in the world.

As an institution of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the university holds the conviction that wholeness of personality, true vocation, and the most useful service to God and the world are best discerned from the perspective of Christian faith.

As a community of learning, the university provides programs of undergraduate, graduate, and continuing study committed to the liberal arts and sciences as a foundation for a wide variety of careers and as guidance for a meaningful life.

### New Lenoir-Rhyne Web site

*Web address, e-mails change*Lenoir-Rhyne has redesigned its Web site and changed its Internet address as part of the switch from college to university status. The new Web site was created by MindPower, an advertising agency specializing in higher education, and **Gary Broyhill**, L-R webmaster.

The new site can be found at www.lr.edu. The e-mail addresses now end in lr.edu.

The newly designed Web site includes more and larger photographs depicting life at Lenoir-Rhyne. There are six large photos on the homepage, which rotate as the viewer watches.

"We hope this new site provides a welcoming entrance for those interested in learning more about Lenoir-Rhyne," said **Mike Langford '97**, director of marketing and communications. "The new site is specifically designed to help prospective students easily locate the information they need. It will also serve as a showcase for Lenoir-Rhyne's various activities."



# Big Brother is watching

*And he knows more than you think, says professor*

Did you know that grocery stores with “loyalty cards” might charge you more? Or that your pharmacy records may be sold to the highest bidder? Or that most large e-mail providers such as Google and Yahoo routinely scan your messages for information of interest to marketers?

**Dr. Bjarne Berg**, assistant professor of computer science and mathematics, knows because he is an internationally recognized expert on mass data storage. He explained that there are many companies that collect details about individuals, organize them, and then resell them. Other companies — such as banks,

employers and insurance companies — can purchase that information legally and use it without your knowledge.

In this cyber world of “Big Brother,” what you don’t know can hurt you, he said. For example, if you fill out an application for health insurance and state that you don’t smoke, the insurance company may obtain your purchase records from the grocery store and discover that you buy a carton of cigarettes each week. As a result, they may deny you coverage or charge you a higher premium, but you will probably never know why.

This personal data collection and analysis is used for what is

called “behavioral scoring,” what Berg describes as “the new credit score.”

“Most people don’t even know it exists,” he said. “You have no privacy — none.” The United States lags behind most European countries in privacy laws, he added. For example, it is illegal in the European Union for employers to read the e-mails of their employees — but not in the United States.

Think your pharmacy or medical records are secure because you signed a “HIPPA” privacy form? Read the fine print. In many cases, there is a clause that allows the company to

share your information with “related companies.” That loophole can mean that when the pharmacy contracts to sell your data to another company, it becomes a “related company.” You could unexpectedly find yourself the recipient of direct mail urging you to switch to a different brand of medication.

In many cases, the “privacy forms” you sign at doctors’ offices specifically waive your right to privacy. If you refuse to sign the form, you are refused treatment.

Where you shop and what you buy can even be used to deny you credit or charge you higher interest rates. For example, if you recently lost your job, you may switch from shopping at a department store to a consignment shop. You may stop buying your food at the corner grocery store and instead start shopping at a discount grocery. Or maybe you still shop at the same grocery store, but switch from name brand items to house brands.

Because of laws related to credit cards, your card issuer only knows where you shopped, but not the specific items you bought. However, other companies can purchase the cash register information from the retailer. Then they can sell this information to the bank or other creditors.

While your credit score measures your past behavior, your behavioral score may more accurately predict your future actions. If you unexpectedly receive a notice from your credit card company lowering your credit limit and raising your interest rates, it may not be what you have done, but what they fear you are about to do — stop making timely payments. Banks don’t want to tell customers how they make decisions, Berg said. If people knew the details, some of them would learn to game the system.

And do those grocery store “loyalty cards” save you money? Several studies have found that after starting the card system, many stores actually raise prices on many items.

The “data aggregators,” companies that collect and analyze such data, classify people in different categories based on their spending habits. Marketers can purchase these lists to help them send their ads only to potential customers. So, in some cases, your behavioral score can actually result in offers you may want to receive.

Berg has worked for many years in the world of computers and international financial institutions. He was born in Norway and graduated from high school with a computer degree. (There are no general high school diplomas in that country.)

Then he joined the Norwegian Army and earned a degree in military history from the Norwegian Army Military Academy. After completing his active duty obligation, he earned a degree in finance from Appalachian State University and an MBA focusing on bank risk modeling from East Carolina University.

He was a business analyst for Moody’s Financial Services, a large multi-national company that rates corporate bonds. He worked for NationsBank and then the Bank of Hawaii, helping them move their customer records onto large databases. In 1997, he went to work for PriceWaterhouseCoopers, which audits many of the largest banks in the world. As a senior manager, he was responsible for training many of the company’s employees.

Growing tired of constant travel, he eventually decided to change careers. “All the time, this was in the back of my head — that I might teach,” he said. With this goal in mind, he had been working part-time on a Ph.D. in information systems from the University of South Florida, Sarasota. In 2002, he joined the faculty of Lenoir-Rhyne.

The kind of math he enjoys teaching is the kind with practical applications — applied statistics. He has his students do statistical projects using publicly available databases.

His students dip into government databases (which do not identify specific individuals) to test their hypotheses. For example, does a student’s SAT score predict whether he or she will do well in college? (He says, “No.”)

What factors predict traffic fatalities in different cities? What factors affect students’ GPAs? What factors determine whether a person is likely to recycle? What factors influence childhood obesity?

Berg helps the students understand the uses, and abuses, of statistics. He also teaches computer science students about database management. Because he is still a sought-after professional speaker, Berg stays on top of trends. He typically speaks at six or more professional conferences a year. During the spring semester, he took a group of L-R students with him to one of these conferences.

Berg is now completing his second Ph.D., from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. This one is in information technology.

In spite of all his specialized knowledge about banking and finance, he still believes in the rule of common sense. “We need to get back to basics,” he said about the economy. An average person may not know much about the stock market, but he knows he is supposed to buy low and sell high. People should now ask, “Is the market high or low?” — then simply follow this common-sense rule, he said. Unfortunately, that is something “professionals” often forget to do in the midst of studying complicated valuation models.

Does he think financial modeling got bankers into trouble? “I think they used these models to justify what they wanted to do anyway,” he said.

Berg also has an opinion on the stock market slide. “We have a system that has worked well for 90 years,” he said. “Now we have a hiccup. We need to drink some medicine and go on.” **P**

This photo by Carl Moser shows a bluebird nest in a hollow tree.



# It's for the birds

## *Students establish Bluebird Trail*

Lenoir-Rhyne students have established a Bluebird Trail on the Tally O. and Marjorie B. Bowman Nature Preserve and Outdoor Classroom. The Bluebird Trail, consisting of 10 nesting boxes, is part of a national effort to protect the once-endangered birds. It also helps students learn scientific research methods.

**Dr. Marsha Fanning**, professor of biology and chair of the School of Natural Sciences, explained that there are three kinds of bluebirds in North America, but the Eastern Bluebird is the only one that makes its home near Hickory.

Once plentiful, the bluebird population declined by as much as 90 percent in the early to mid-1900s. Factors affecting the bluebirds included loss of suitable nesting sites, competition from non-native bird species, and use of pesticides such as DDT. However, thanks to grassroots conservation efforts, the bluebirds are making a comeback and are no longer on the Endangered Species List.

The National Bluebird Society and the N.C. Bluebird Society continue to monitor the popular birds. The largely volunteer, non-profit groups have strict standards for what constitutes a Bluebird Trail. The L-R trail consists of 10 nesting boxes that are monitored on a regular basis throughout the nesting season.

Bluebirds are very picky about where they will nest, usually choosing a hollow log or cavity in a dead standing tree. However, the birds are not strong enough to create these nesting spots for themselves. They usually take

up residence in naturally occurring dead trees or in cavities created by woodpeckers. The nesting boxes, built to specific standards and located in certain places, give the birds other alternatives.

**Erin Seiling**, assistant director of the Thomas W. Reese Institute on campus, obtained a grant from the N.C. Bluebird Society to establish the L-R Bluebird Trail.

The boxes were installed last summer by **Joseph White '09**, a conservation of natural resources major. Fanning's Field Biology class began monitoring them in the spring semester. The 11 students in the class began checking the boxes weekly, looking for adult bluebirds and signs of nesting activity. After several weeks of watching the birds as they checked out the new boxes, class members were excited to find the first nest on March 24. The first bluebird eggs were seen April 14.

"It's been kind of fun and exciting

to do it," Fanning said. "We weren't even sure we would get any bluebirds this year."

The class found three Eastern Bluebird nests and two chickadee nests in the boxes. The chickadees are also "cavity nesting birds" that are encouraged by the Bluebird Society. In some years, bluebirds can hatch up to three "clutches" or sets of eggs.

The biology students checked the boxes weekly, recording when and what kinds of birds were nesting in the boxes. The students also learned to identify the nests of different bird species.

The Field Biology students submitted their data to the N.C. Bluebird Society, which forwarded it to the National Bluebird Society.

Fanning and Seiling hope that more bluebirds will use the nesting boxes in future years. For more information about bluebirds and how to establish a Bluebird Trail, go to [www.ncbluebird.com](http://www.ncbluebird.com). **P**



### *About the Bowmans*

The Tally O. and Marjorie B. Bowman Nature Preserve and Outdoor Classroom is named in recognition of an estate gift from the Bowmans, who lived in Hickory.

**Tally Bowman**, who died in 1999, owned Style Upholstering Co. of Hickory. He was born in Alexander County and was the first child in a large family. He was an avid fisherman and nature photographer who helped found the Catawba Valley Camera Club.

He and his good friend **Carl Moser** constructed a blind near a hollow tree that allowed them to take photos of woodpeckers, bluebirds and other birds.

**Marjorie Bowman**, who died in 2001, was a nurse and homemaker. She was raised at Grandfather Home for Children and attended Lees-McRae College. The Bowmans were members of First United Methodist Church of Hickory. The nature preserve is near the soccer practice field and behind Price Village on campus.



*Student Sarah Jett checks one of the nesting boxes on the LRU Bluebird Trail.*

# Teaching her way around the world

*Alumna teaching in her third foreign country*

**Leah Abbott '96** never pictured herself as a teacher when she was a biology major at Lenoir-Rhyne. But she became one, and those skills have allowed her to travel around the world.

"I literally fell into it, and I felt it was the hand of God that put me into it," she said. Abbott taught for two years in Honduras and three years in Turkey. Now she is working for a school in Thailand. In all three countries, she has taught biology to high school students at private schools. In Thailand, she is teaching middle school students as well. These jobs have allowed her to travel to many other countries during her school vacations.

While she was at L-R, **Dr. Karen McDougal** suggested that Abbott obtain a teaching certificate. At the time, she wasn't interested. She worked for a short time as a hospital lab technician in Charlotte. But she soon became bored, so she began substitute teaching at Charlotte Catholic High School. That job turned into a full-time position when the

school's biology teacher resigned. Abbott took classes part-time at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and earned her teaching certificate four years later.

But she soon felt restless again. She and two of her colleagues decided to see if they could find teaching positions overseas. "I love to travel, so it kind of became — let's put teaching and travel together." Abbott said American teachers find overseas positions through job placement agencies that specialize in the field. Most foreign teaching contracts are for two years.

Her first foreign job was teaching biology at the American School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It was difficult to see the extreme poverty in that country. "It's not what I expected," she said. Daily life is "very much a survival thing" for many people.

Most of the students she taught came from wealthy Honduran families, although a few were Americans. "That has its challenges too," she said. "They're very spoiled and not used to hearing 'no.'" However, she found

that she could gain the students' respect by establishing rules and insisting that they follow them. Most of her students could speak English well, and she still keeps in touch with some of them. While living in Honduras, she was able to travel to many neighboring Latin American countries.

Her second overseas job was working for three years at the Koç (pronounced "Coach") School in Istanbul, Turkey. The students there were also from wealthy families, and most were born in Turkey. Although they were supposed to know English, their fluency varied.

She said she never learned much of the Turkish language, which she found difficult. However, she did learn a lot about Islam, the official religion of the country. Although she did not agree with some practices of the culture, she began to respect it. "Not all Muslims are the Taliban," she said. Her school allowed her to take off Christmas day, but the local people did not observe the holiday. Being so far away from home at

*Abbott (third from left) and a friend, Sita, buy some oranges while visiting Malaysia. They are joined in the photo by some local residents.*







*Abbott poses with a bull statue at the Wat Arun temple on the first day of Chinese New Year.*



*Abbott visited Japan during cherry blossom season.*

Christmas was difficult, she said.

"I highly recommend going there," she said about Turkey. "It's not any more unsafe than Italy or France." She said she takes safety precautions in all countries. "It really depends on where you are and who you're with."

While living in Turkey, she was able to visit many countries in the area, including Egypt, Hungary, Greece, Vietnam and Singapore. On a vacation to Thailand, she decided she wanted to work there next. Last fall, she began teaching at The New International School in Bangkok.

This school is very multi-cultural, including students from Thailand, Finland, Germany, Korea, Japan, China, England, Australia and Belgium. Next school year, she will teach seventh and eighth-grade science as well as 10th, 11th and 12th grade biology.

During school vacations, she has visited Japan, Malaysia and Hong Kong as well as Ireland. She even returned to the United States for a nine-day bike tour of the West Coast.

Bangkok is very cosmopolitan and offers a lot of affordable treats, such

as a full body massage for less than \$30 and exotic street food for less than \$1. "The people are extremely friendly," she added.

"The friends I've made here are absolutely wonderful," she said. "God has yet again brought me to a place where more wonderful people and friends have come into my life." Her teaching contract runs through the end of next year. However, she said she will probably stay a year or two longer.

Abbott has not been fluent in any of the languages spoken where she has taught, but she has managed to get by. "You get very good at reading body language and being patient," she said. "In general, I always had someone I could call if I needed a translation." Sometimes she wound up ordering something she didn't intend in a restaurant. "It's character building," she said. "Your patience grows. There's no point in arguing. You just learn."

Although each country has been different, the students were all similar in a way, she said. "Wherever you go, a teenager is a teenager. Their job description is to get away with everything, and my job was to

prevent them from doing it!" she said with a laugh. She added, more seriously, "They want the rules, and they respect the rules."

Abbott said her experiences have made her more tolerant of other cultures and beliefs. They have also made her realize what a big problem intolerance and lack of understanding can be.

While living overseas, she keeps in touch with family and friends by using Skype, an Internet-based system for making low-cost phone calls. She also uses e-mail and Facebook. Her parents, who live in Winston-Salem, have been very supportive. "Without that support, you're very much alone," she said.

After leaving Thailand, Abbott said she will probably return to the United States to live. She is considering earning a master's degree in public health and working in the field of nutrition.

This subject has always interested her, and she thinks there will probably be many job opportunities in that field. But she will probably always look back on her foreign teaching career with fondness. "I really love doing it," she said. **P**



# A good, long life

*Thomas A. Mott Jr.  
leaves \$2.5 million to LRU*

**Thomas A. Mott Jr.** knew how to enjoy life. He was born Jan. 23, 1910, into one of Hickory's most prominent families. In 1969, he retired to the Florida Keys, where he fished nearly every day until his death on March 22, 2009, at age 99.

Through his estate, he left Lenoir-Rhyne University approximately \$2.5 million that will fund three scholarships. "He told me it was Hickory's school, and he loved Hickory," said **Steve Rhoney**, a longtime friend.

The scholarships are in memory of Mott's parents, **Major T.A.** and **Mildred Ellis Mott**; his aunt and uncle, **Robert E.** and **Annie Ellis Simpson**; and his friends, **Ike** and **Gertrude Jones** of Camden, S.C.

Mott's family history is intertwined with Hickory's. His maternal grandfather, **W.H. Ellis**, founded the first successful store in Hickory, then known as Hickory Tavern. He was a shrewd businessman and bought a large amount of land in the city. He was a town leader and served as alderman for several years. According to an account by **J.F. Click** published in the Hickory Daily Record on April 12, 1930, Ellis served in the Confederate Army, was taken prisoner and spent nine months in a Union prison camp. According to that article, Ellis had to retire early in life but enjoyed his Hickory estate, which was famous for its fish pond, trees and birds.

Thomas Mott Jr.'s paternal grandfather, **John James Mott**, was a local physician who served one year in the state Legislature and was president of the eastern branch of the Western North Carolina Railway. J.J. Mott was chairman of the state Republican Party and was known as "Iron Duke" for his political influence.

He donated the land for Mott's Grove Campground, an African-American Methodist camp-meeting site in Catawba County.

Thomas Mott's parents were Thomas Mott Sr. and Mildred Ellis Mott. The senior Mott was a Marine Corps officer, serving in the Spanish American War and World War I. He was later a stockbroker and investor who served as a Hickory alderman. He was chairman of the Hickory Planning Commission when it adopted the infamous quadrant street naming system in 1950. He was a manager of Hickory Heights Holding Co., which built the golf course and first clubhouse at Lake Hickory Country Club.

T.A. Mott Sr. was also chairman of the building committee that built the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Hickory. Both the Motts and their relatives the Simpsons built homes on the former Ellis estate. In 1910, Mott Sr. and his wife built a Craftsman-style house at 507 Second Ave. N.W.

Mildred's sister, Annie, and her husband, Robert E. Simpson, built Stonehaven across the street in 1922. Simpson worked for the Southern Railway, rising from waterboy to assistant to the vice president. Their home was faced with granite and was one of the finest in Hickory at the time. According to the book "From Tavern to Town, Revisited," the Simpson property once included a topiary in the form of a piano and bench. A stone column with the words "Ellis Place" engraved on the side is still standing in front of the house.

The two sisters inherited a sizable amount of property. "Mrs. Mott and her sister would sell off a lot each year and use the money to take a steamship cruise," Rhoney said he was told. "They lived really

*This photo of Thomas A. Mott Jr. was taken shortly before World War II at a flight training school he co-owned in South Carolina.*



*Mott grew up in this house in Hickory. He later sold the house to his friend Steve Rhoney, who still lives there with his family.*

large." After her husband died, Annie Simpson rented rooms in her home to Lenoir-Rhyne students. After their deaths, Thomas Mott Jr. inherited the remaining property, including both houses and the original Ellis Store building in Hickory.

Thomas Mott Jr. attended Lenoir-Rhyne briefly and earned a master's degree in textile chemistry from North Carolina State University in 1929. In the 1930s, he worked as a technical consultant for The Morton Chemical Co. of Greensboro and Corn Products International of New York City, which made starch used in the textile industry. Rhoney said Mott flew his personal airplane to his business appointments across the South.

Shortly before the United States entered World War II, Mott and Ike Jones formed the Southern Aviation School in Camden, S.C., offering flight training to British, Canadian and U.S. students. The school closed at the outbreak of war, when the U.S. government confiscated its only airplane. Mott was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. During the war, he served as an operations

data officer in the Pacific with Marine Air Group 31, Squadron 311.

After the war, Mott returned to Hickory, where he invested in several companies. He and Jones founded Southern Airways, a regional airline that later became part of Republic Airlines and then Southwest Airlines.

For about two years, Mott operated a hunting and fishing club on the coast that was frequented by wealthy textile executives. The business was destroyed by Hurricane Hazel in 1954 and never reopened. He was also a co-owner of Dennison Tool and Machine, a machine shop in Hickory and Gastonia that mainly did contract work for the government.

In 1969, he moved to Fiesta Key, Fla., and lived in his Volkswagen camper. He brought his boat, *The Mary*, to the Keys in 1971 and lived on it for five years before moving into a nearby mobile home. He later moved to a condo on Duck Key, where he spent his final years.

Throughout life, Mott associated with the rich and famous, hosting celebrities such as scientist and educator **George Washington Carver**

and baseball great **Ted Williams**.

Rhoney was in the first grade when he met Mott. Rhoney's family lived on Lake Hickory and Mott often fished there. Mott was also an avid duck hunter, and Rhoney took care of the hunting dogs while Mott traveled.

After Rhoney graduated from college in 1974, he bought the Mott family home, where he still lives. However, Mott retained ownership of a small servants' cottage on the property and lived there during hurricane season.

"My children grew up knowing Mr. Mott," Rhoney said. Mott never married or had any children of his own.

One of his hobbies was making homemade candy. He worked a crossword puzzle every day and remained mentally sharp until his final days, Rhoney said. Mott was fascinated by technology, buying his first computer at age 84 and owning one of the first digital cameras.

"He loved his martinis!" Rhoney said with a laugh. "He had a martini at 5 every day up until four days before he died." **P**

# The Best of LRU!

*Join us for this special event Sept. 17-19*

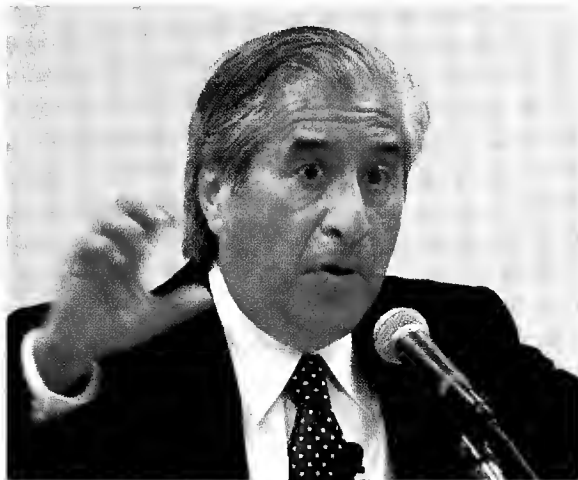
For the past year, we've been working to enhance every aspect of what we do at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Now, we're rolling out the red carpet at The Best of LRU, a fall showcase of Lenoir-Rhyne talent, knowledge, sports and cultural events.

Parents, alumni, friends and community members are invited to join us for this exciting event. Learn from our faculty members as they share their knowledge on topics that affect your life. Hear our music faculty as they present a special concert of American music. Cheer on our student athletes as they take to the field. Hear from our first Visiting Writer of the year. And be sure to drop in for a cookout at the Alumni House.

We hope you will join us in celebrating what makes LRU special. See you on campus!

**Thursday, Sept. 17**

**7 p.m.**, Visiting Writer **Richard Rodriguez**, Belk Centrum



*Rodriguez*

**Friday, Sept. 18**

**9:20 – 10:10 a.m.**, Visiting Writer **Richard Rodriguez**, Belk Centrum

**Noon – 5 p.m.**, Talks by LRU faculty, to include the following:



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- **Dr. Linda Johanson**, associate professor of nursing, "LRU Nursing Students Study Abroad in Mexico."

- **Dr. Carl Dresden**, assistant professor of business, "Marketing in the Digital Age," a look at how information technology has changed marketing methods.



*Dresden*

- **Dr. Ted Reingold**, associate professor of business, "How to Cope with a Tough Economy," how to accumulate wealth without a CEO salary.

**7 p.m.**, American Music Recital by LRU faculty, Recital Hall, Mauney Music Building.

**8:15 p.m.** (immediately following the recital), Recital Hall, Mauney Music Building, "Speaking of Women,"



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a showcase of monologues and scenes by contemporary women playwrights and performance artists coupled with original work by **Mia Self**, assistant professor of theatre, and the Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers. There will be a brief discussion following the performance.

**9:15 p.m.**, Dessert Social and Bingo, location TBD

**Saturday, Sept. 19**

**10 a.m. – Noon**, Concurrent Sessions from Student Life, including:

- "Professionalism and NBC's 'The Office' — Lessons for the Workplace"

- Fit for Life: Fun Run and Walk

- "Communication for Everyone: Basic Sign Language."

Talks by LRU faculty, to include the following:

**Noon – 2 p.m.**

- **Dr. Bjarne Berg**, associate professor of computer science, “The Death of Privacy - Behavioral Scoring: The True Cost of What You Buy.”



*Dugan*

- **Professor Mike Dugan**, retired CEO of Henredon Furniture will talk about his recently published book, “The Furniture Wars: How America Lost a \$50 Billion Industry.”

**2 – 4 p.m.**

- “Building Your Own Collection of Recorded Jazz: The Shape of Things to Come” by **Dr. Christopher Nigrelli**, professor of music. Just what is jazz? Different types of jazz, what to look for in recordings, where to find recordings, and future trends in jazz.



*Nigrelli*

- Poetry reading by **Dr. Rand Brandes**, Martin Luther Stevens Professor of English and LRU Writer-In-Residence.

**2 – 4 p.m.**, Women’s soccer game,



LRU v. Chowan, Moretz Sports — Athletic Complex. Free.

**4 – 6 p.m.**, Men’s soccer game, LRU v. Chowan, Moretz Sports — Athletic Complex. Free.

**5 – 7 p.m.**, Alumni and Friends Cookout at the Alumni House. The first 100 guests will receive a free LRU stadium cushion. Register by Sept. 11 by calling 828-328-7171 or e-mailing lr.alumni@lr.edu. Free, but donations to The Fund for Lenoir-Rhyne accepted.



**7-10 p.m.**, Football game, LRU v. North Greenville University. Regular admission charge. **P**



*Desirae Ball and Brian Mulligan place roof trusses on a Habitat for Humanity home in Green Cove Springs, Fla. They were among 17 L-R students who spent their spring break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.*

## Six athletic statues donated to L-R

Six life-size bronze sculptures depicting athletes in action have been donated to Lenoir-Rhyne University. The sculptures are a gift of **Irwin Belk**, a Charlotte philanthropist interested in college athletics and art. Lenoir-Rhyne's Irwin Belk Track bears his name, as do more than 30 other collegiate track and field facilities. Belk is a member of the family who established the Belk department stores.

"Our association with Irwin Belk has been both delightful and inspiring," said **Neill McGeachy '65**, LRU athletic director. "It pleases us to receive his generous gift of these distinctive artworks."



Four of the new L-R sculptures have been delivered and erected. The final two are expected in late summer or early fall. The first four statues are part of the first phase of the new Moretz Sports – Athletic Complex. A female javelin thrower and a male soccer player are

located in front of the main entrance to the athletic complex, at the corner of Eighth Street N.E. and Sixth Avenue N.E. in Hickory.

A sculpture of a female softball pitcher stands next to the softball field, and a statue of a male baseball batter is located near the baseball field.

The final two statues will be placed in front of the Shuford Memorial Gymnasium on Stasavich Place. They will show a female volleyball player and a male basketball player. The athletic statues were designed by **Richard Hallier** of Boone, N.C.

## Lacrosse coming to LRU



**Greg Paradine** has been hired as Lenoir-Rhyne's first director of lacrosse effective Aug. 1. He will coach both the men's and women's intercollegiate lacrosse teams, which will start

competing in the 2010-11 academic year.

"I am honored and humbled to be

named the first director of lacrosse at Lenoir-Rhyne University," said Paradine. "**Athletic Director Neill McGeachy, President Dr. Wayne Powell** and I share the same vision for the lacrosse program at L-R: to strive for excellence in the classroom, integrity on the playing field and involvement in the community. The addition of both men's and women's teams at Lenoir-Rhyne is a huge boost for the game of lacrosse in the state of North Carolina."

McGeachy said, "This is one of the most

significant hires in the history of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Greg Paradine was an exceptional intercollegiate lacrosse athlete and has proven himself to be an exceptional lacrosse coach."

Paradine comes to Lenoir-Rhyne after serving as an assistant lacrosse coach the past seven years at his alma mater, the University of North Carolina. While there, he oversaw many of the day-to-day operations of the Tar Heel Lacrosse Program in addition to serving as an offensive and a defensive coach.

## Todd Starkey named Coach of the Year

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association selected L-R's **Todd Starkey** as the 2009 Russell Athletic/WBCA National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Coach of the Year. This year marks the 27th year that this accolade has been presented.

Starkey (68-48 as Bear mentor) is the second Lenoir-Rhyne coach in school history to receive national coach-of-the-year honors. Former L-R **Head Football Coach Clarence Stasavich** was named the NAIA National Coach Of The Year in 1959.

In his fourth season at Lenoir-Rhyne, Starkey led his 2008-09 squad to a 27-5 record, improving on his 15-13 record from the previous season.

This year marks the second-highest win total in school history. The Bears also saw their highest ranking of No.16 in

the USA Today ESPN Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll.

Starkey's team captured the South Atlantic Conference Regular Season title and Food Lion SAC Tournament Championship this season. Both the regular season and league tournament titles were the second-ever in school history. For his efforts, Starkey was named the 2008-09 South Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year.

Lenoir-Rhyne earned the No. 1 seed in the 2009 NCAA Division II Southeast Region Women's Basketball Tournament, which it hosted, and picked up a 69-58 win over No. 8 seed Anderson University in the quarterfinals. With the victory, the Bears picked up their first-ever NCAA Division II playoff win. The Bears' run in the tournament ended on March 15, when No. 4 Francis Marion knocked off top-seeded Lenoir-Rhyne, 93-74, in the regional semifinals.

Starkey worked as a men's basketball assistant coach at Lenoir-Rhyne for two seasons before taking over as head coach of the women's basketball team in 2005.



## *New licensing agreement*

Lenoir-Rhyne University has reached an agreement to partner with Licensing Resource Group (LRG) to facilitate the licensing of LRU-related merchandise.

"This agreement means that more companies will be able to sell LRU-branded products, creating more brand awareness for the university," said **Mike Langford**, L-R director of marketing and communications.

LRG has 17 years of experience in the collegiate licensing industry. Its customers

include Brown University, Davidson College, Mississippi State University, Virginia Military Institute, Valparaiso University and many others. It helps these colleges and universities promote their unique identities while protecting against unauthorized use of logos and other graphic identity symbols.

Companies wishing to manufacture LRU-branded products must sign a licensing agreement with LRG, which will monitor the sales of these products.

LRG collects royalties and will provide the university reports on merchandise sold. In addition, LRG checks for trademark infringement.

Companies wishing to obtain a license to manufacture LRU merchandise should go to [www.lrgusa.com/apply.php](http://www.lrgusa.com/apply.php) and download the application.

Langford will be the on-campus representative for this process. If you have any questions, contact him at [mike.langford@lr.edu](mailto:mike.langford@lr.edu) or 828-328-7302.

## *Book explores decline of furniture industry*



**Michael Dugan**, Alex Lee Professor of Business, chair of the Charles M. Snipes School of Business at Lenoir-Rhyne University and former furniture industry executive, has published a book titled "The Furniture Wars: How America Lost a \$50 Billion Industry."

The book, which is available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and Abe Books, describes the recent history of the American furniture manufacturing industry from an insider's viewpoint. Dugan served as president and CEO of Henredon, a high-end furniture manufacturer, for 17 years before joining the faculty of LRU.

In recent years, the forces of globalization have devastated the industry, leading to thousands of job losses in North Carolina alone. The impact of competition from low-wage Asian workers was somewhat inevitable, he said. However, he said, "I argue in the book that it could have been lessened had the companies put more into modernizing their facilities and marketing."

He places some of the blame on industry "insiders" for failing to change quickly enough. He also blames the "outsiders," and argues that they failed to recognize the unique aspects of the business.

## *Drendel named Business Leader of the Year*

Lenoir-Rhyne University's Business Council presented the 2009 Business Leader of the Year Award to **Frank M. Drendel**, chairman and CEO of CommScope Inc.

The Lenoir-Rhyne Business Council consists of businesses, corporations and foundations that believe so strongly in the mission of Lenoir-Rhyne that they contribute \$1,000 or more each year for current operations of the university.

Drendel has served as CommScope's chief executive officer since he founded the company in 1976 with a management team that included several Lenoir-Rhyne alumni and capital raised from farsighted Hickory, N.C., area investors. Since then, CommScope has grown under Drendel's leadership to become a global leader in the supply of products used in the "last mile" of communications networks.

Today, CommScope has annual revenue

of \$4 billion, serves customers in more than 130 countries and employs 15,000 worldwide employees. An active member of several National Cable Telecommunications Association committees, Drendel is a recipient of various NCTA awards including the Challenger Award, Associate's Award and the President's Award. He currently serves as a director of the NCTA.

In 1999, Drendel was presented with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian award given by the State of North Carolina. In 2002, he was inducted into the Cable Center Hall of Fame, the cable industry's highest honor.

He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing in 1970 and has been involved in the cable television and telecommunications industry throughout his career.



*Frank M. Drendel (center) receives the 2009 Business Leader of the Year award from Dr. Wayne Powell, L-R president. At right is Jearld Leonhardt '69, executive vice president and chief financial officer of CommScope. Leonhardt introduced Drendel at the award luncheon.*

## *Gospel Choir, NU Generation formed*

Lenoir-Rhyne University has long been known for its A Cappella Choir and Sacred Music Program. But the university now has something new, a gospel choir begun through the Black Student Alliance.

The choir was organized by **Emma Sellers**, director of residence life and intercultural services at Lenoir-Rhyne. "This is something I've been trying to do since I got here in 2006," she said. "I've seen how it can bring a group of students together." Although there are other social activities for the campus's African-American students, including the Black Student Alliance, there was nothing that specifically tapped into their spirituality and worship traditions.

There was a gospel choir at L-R in the 1990s, but it had disbanded. Last fall, the LRU Gospel Choir, NU Generation was formed.

It consists of approximately 20 African-American students who rehearse on campus and take their music to churches throughout the area. The group has worked closely with Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Hickory. During the school year, the choir performed the third Sunday of each month at the church.

The choir also performed several times on campus, including at the university's Martin Luther King Day observance.



Whenever the group performs, there are usually requests for additional performances.

"That's just been the joy of it," Sellers said. "It's just been a snowball kind of effect." Although two of the choir's members are members of the A Cappella Choir, most do not have formal musical training. But they do share a love of gospel music. "I've always wanted to sing with my peers," said **Kellie Medley** of Lenoir, vice president of the choir. "It's like a home away from home. It gives you a sense of peace to praise God together."

Choir member **Deondra' Newell** of Charlotte said, "The choir, to me, truly is my second family. We are all attached at the hip and our relationships are held by our love for one another, God's blessings toward us and by the purpose of the choir."

Choir president **Whitney Suddreth** of Lenoir said, "I have watched Nu Generation start from scratch and blossom into a wonderful choir in a matter of a few months. It is amazing how we have come together as one and have been an outreach to our peers and the community."

## *Latino Partnership assists students*

Lenoir-Rhyne University and Centro Latino of Hickory have established The Latino Partnership to expand higher education opportunities for Latino students in the Hickory area.

The new partnership will assist Latino high school graduates who are unable to enroll in higher education courses due to financial or legal restrictions. Last year, North Carolina established a policy preventing undocumented persons from enrolling in state community colleges. This change in policy prevented or discouraged many Latino students from seeking a higher education.

The Latino Partnership will help to bridge that gap by assisting qualified students to enroll in online courses offered by the TecMilenio University at the University of

Monterrey in Mexico. Centro Latino will identify qualified high school graduates from the area and assist them with admission procedures, course registration and ongoing technical support. Lenoir-Rhyne will provide the students with access to computers, a library card, and meeting space for their sessions with representatives of Centro Latino. In addition, L-R professors will provide tutoring services for students who need assistance.

"Centro Latino is playing a major leadership role in providing educational opportunities to the Latino community," said **Dr. Wayne Powell**, LRU president. "Lenoir-Rhyne is pleased to assist in ensuring that the workforce of North Carolina will be well-educated."

Centro Latino and Lenoir-Rhyne University will jointly pursue scholarship opportunities for these students with the goal that eventually they will enroll as full-time students at Lenoir-Rhyne. L-R and the University of Monterrey are both members of the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration, so courses taken at one university will easily transfer to the other.

"It's exciting to see the commitment of Lenoir-Rhyne to helping these students," said **Crystal Massey**, who has been involved in organizing The Latino Partnership. She is director of Abriendo Puertas (Opening Doors), the after-school program at Centro Latino.



## *L-R welcomes new sorority*

Lenoir-Rhyne University officially recognized Zeta Phi Beta, the campus' first historically African-American sorority, during the annual Greek Awards ceremony.

Members of the sponsoring graduate chapter, Nu Alpha Zeta, and the brother fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, were in attendance.

**Phyllis Chunn-Duncan**, president of the sponsoring graduate chapter, presented the university with a certificate of charter from the sorority's national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The newly chartered chapter will be named Theta Tau.

Zeta Phi Beta sorority was founded in 1920 in Washington, D.C., with the belief that the social nature of sorority life should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty and health concerns of the day. The international organization's more than 125,000 initiated members, operating in more than 800 chapters, have given millions of voluntary hours to educate the public, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change.



*Lenoir-Rhyne University recently welcomed Zeta Phi Beta to campus. Those participating in the recognition event included (front row, left to right): Dora Clemons, Ursula Long, Amber Douglas, Danica Hickmon, Charlee Massey, Triana Collier, Kellie Medley, LaCourtney Rann and Trudy Logan. Back row, left to right, are Dr. Wayne Powell, Lenoir-Rhyne president; Phyllis Chunn-Duncan, president of the sponsoring graduate chapter; Emma Sellers, chapter advisor; and LaKeisha Ross.*

## *Phillips named director of annual giving*

**Krystal Phillips '00** has been named director of annual giving at Lenoir-Rhyne University. In this position, she will be responsible for the execution and management of LRU's annual giving program, which solicits donations in support of current operations. She will

manage The Fund for Lenoir-Rhyne, the University Champions, LRU Business Council, and Fifth Reunion Giving Committees.

Phillips joined the university's Advancement Office in 2004 as director of the President's Society and was

later a major gifts officer. Before working at L-R, she was employed by the Statesville March of Dimes.



## *More study-abroad opportunities*

LRU and the University of Magdeburg-Stendal in Stendal, Germany, established an exchange program for students and faculty between the two institutions effective August 2009.

This exchange agreement is Lenoir-Rhyne's first as a university, and its only current direct exchange program. A group of L-R officials traveled to Germany this

summer to finalize the agreement. The trip was made possible by the Hickory Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Lake Hickory, and an anonymous donor.

In a separate agreement, signed last fall, LRU joined the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration. That agreement permits student exchange among institutions in Mexico, Canada,

Spain, Colombia, Iceland and the United States.

Exchange students pay normal tuition and fees to their home institution. They are responsible for all non-tuition costs (travel, accommodations, meals, medical insurance, textbooks, excursions, social events) while attending the host institution.

## *New programs for lifelong learners*

Lenoir-Rhyne is offering two new degree programs designed for lifelong learners who have either an associate's degree or some college coursework. The two new programs are a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies, and a new way of earning a bachelor's degree in business. The business degree will be offered through the new Professional Organizational Development (POD) program, designed to allow students holding a transfer associate's degree to complete a bachelor's degree in as little as two years.

Both programs are designed for the convenience of working adults and may be completed at night and through online courses. Students participating in the POD program will attend classes on Monday nights and do additional online work to complete as many as 12 credit hours per semester. Students graduating from this program will also be eligible for a seamless entry into Lenoir-Rhyne's MBA program.

The new bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies is designed for lifelong learners who wish to complete a bachelor's degree with an emphasis on the liberal arts.

Students and their advisers will draw up individualized programs of study, which will be approved by the Liberal Studies Committee.

Students will take a number of interdisciplinary seminars that investigate life's major questions from the viewpoint of different fields of study. The program also includes an experiential/service learning component in which the student will participate in a community activity.

For more information about either of these new degree programs, contact **Erin Cook** at [cooker@lr.edu](mailto:cooker@lr.edu) or 828-328-7328.

## *Dr. Suzanne Jeffers dies*



**Dr. Suzanne Kramer Jeffers**, Professor Emerita of English, died July 3. She is survived by her husband **Charles "Jeff" Jeffers**, daughter **Tina Batson** and husband **Mitchell**, **Ellie Hall** and husband **Brian**, grandchildren **Zachary** and **Sarah Johnson**, **Julia** and **Will Batson** and **Kelsey** and **Taylor Hall**, brother, **Capt. Theodore Roosevelt Kramer Jr.** (USN Ret.) and wife **Dorothy**, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jeffers received her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College, master's in English and theater from UNC-Chapel Hill and Ph.D. in Shakespearean studies from UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1951 she joined Doubleday and Co. in the Children's Book Division. While at Doubleday, she was given the galley proofs of "The Diary of Anne Frank," and delighted in the

opportunity to meet **Otto Frank**, Anne's father, during the publishing process.

She was an active member of Church of the Ascension, Hickory, and served on local boards, most recently the Patrick Beaver Library Board. Jeffers was also very active in the Hickory Community Theatre, and she last appeared in 2000 with her husband in "On Golden Pond."

Jeffers and her husband were awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award by Lenoir-Rhyne University. She was also awarded the Raymond M. Bost Distinguished Professor Award. The Hacawa was dedicated to her, and she was included in Who's Who of American Teachers and Professors. Memorials may be sent to the Suzanne K. Jeffers Memorial Fund, Lenoir-Rhyne University, P.O. Box 7150, Hickory, N.C. 28603.

*Selected L-R music students performed The Washington Post March with the U.S. Navy Band when it presented a concert at Lenoir-Rhyne during the spring semester. The L-R students are (left to right) **Jennifer Head**, **Bradley Icard**, **Kelly Moss**, **Eric Hopkins**, **Andrew Seo**, **Chris Murphy**, **Marlys Kiser**, **Anna Mosteller** and **Matt Cochran**. The music faculty selected the students based on their dedicated service and participation in the university's music ensembles.*



## Community Service Awards presented



*Dr. Wayne Powell (left), LRU president; and Charles Snipes (right), chair of the Board of Trustees; congratulate the winners of this year's Community Service Awards. From left to right are Dr. Duane Kirkman, Libby Hoover, Jackie Williams (representing the Black Student Alliance), Margaret Allen, Jacob Goedken and Carolyn Moretz.*

This year's Community Service Award winners include the following: **Jacob Goedken**, student award; Black Student Alliance, student group award; **Margaret Allen**, faculty/staff award; and **Dr. Duane Kirkman** and **Carolyn Moretz**, community member awards. In addition, **Lisbeth "Libby" Hoover** was recognized for receiving the Community Impact Student Award, presented by N.C. Campus Compact for campus-based efforts to address community needs.

Goedken, a biology and pre-med major, is very involved with his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. Through PUSH America, his fraternity's charity, he was involved in organizing The Journey of Hope, which benefits persons with disabilities. He has also coached at the YMCA and helped organize the Building Better Men workshop series.

**Jackie Williams**, president of the Black Student Alliance, accepted this student group's award. The BSA held a voting drive during the last election. The group also raised money for the American Heart Association, worked on an AIDS awareness forum and re-established the L-R Gospel Choir.

Margaret Allen is assistant director of marketing and communications. She was recognized for her service on the Catawba County Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities, the Catawba Science Center Marketing Committee and The Hickory Museum of Art Folk Art Committee. She is also a member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee of Bethlehem United Methodist Church of Claremont.

Libby Hoover was recognized for receiving the Community Student Impact Award, presented by N.C. Campus Compact. Hoover was co-president of the campus LIFE (Living In and For the Environment) Club, which is involved in numerous conservation projects.

Dr. Duane Kirkman is a career educator and former superintendent of the Hickory Public Schools. He is currently a special assistant for program development at Lenoir-Rhyne and a consultant for Leadership Group for the Carolinas.

He is an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Hickory. He has served on the Hickory Museum of Art Board of Trustees and on the SALT Block Foundation Board of Directors. He has served on the Champions of Education Cabinet, the Project Potential Board of Directors and the Rotary Club of Hickory Scholarship Committee. He has also served in many leadership positions with the United Way Board of Directors.

Carolyn Moretz is executive director of Carpenter Hospitality House, a member of Frye Regional Medical Center Advisory Board and a member of the Crossnore School Board of Advocates.

She is a past member of the board of Hospice of Catawba County, Family Guidance Center, Council for Adolescents and the L-R Board of Visitors. She is also a past member of the Peace College Board of Visitors, past president of the Service League of Hickory and past president of FRMC Auxiliary. She is an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

## SOURCE recognizes student research, creativity

Lenoir-Rhyne University recently held its first SOURCE (Symposium on University Research and Creative Expression) event.

Students in various majors gave presentations about their research or creative projects. Others displayed their work in the form of posters.

Awards were presented to the following students, who were judged best in their categories. **Kathryn Myles** presented on "A Survey and Data Collection on Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cafeteria Consumer

Food Waste." Her presentation was based on a group project conducted by herself as well as **Lydia Aurand**, **Karen Fletcher**, **Justin Hawkins** and **Breanne Yingling**.

**Kelly Moss** discussed "Art: Release of the Unconscious" about art therapy. **Julia Byrd** gave a presentation and performance of "W.A. Mozart's C Minor Sonata and its Fantasy."

**Joseph White** gave a presentation on "Effect of Soil Movement on the Survival of *Hexastylis Naniflora* (Dwarf-flowered

Heartleaf)." **Robert Duncan** presented "What is Phronesis? or Why the Scientific Method Can't Tell Us Everything."

**Robert Oakes** gave a presentation on "Imaging the Internal Dynamics of Supersonic Rocket Nozzles." **Alisha Huettig** presented "Does Size Matter? A Study of Crayfish Dominance."

**Chase Walden** was recognized for his presentation entitled, "A New Dark Age: H.P. Lovecraft's Treatment of Existential Crisis in 'The Call of Cthulhu.'" "

## *L-R presents honorary degrees*

Lenoir-Rhyne University presented two honorary doctorates at spring commencement exercises. **Irwin Belk** of Charlotte received an honorary doctorate of humane letters, and **the Rev. Charles Mercer Zimmerman** of Greensboro received an honorary doctorate of divinity.

Belk is a businessman who is known for his philanthropy. His special interests are athletics and art. More than 30 college and university track facilities bear his name, including Lenoir-Rhyne's Belk Track. He has also donated many outdoor sculptures to universities, often in the form of their school mascot.

Belk is one of six children of William Henry and Mary Irwin Belk, founders of the Belk department store chain. Irwin Belk graduated from the McCallie School, attended Davidson College and graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He served as a sergeant in the Air Force 491 Bomber Group during World War II.

Following the war, he completed his college education and joined his family's business. He served as president of Belk Enterprises and president of Belk Finance Co. He also served as chairman of the Belk Foundation, which contributed the naming gift for the construction of the Lenoir-Rhyne Belk Centrum in 1981.

From 1959 to 1966, Belk served as a state representative and state senator from Mecklenburg County. One of his most notable accomplishments was leading the effort to establish the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. He is a longtime member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church. From 1998 to 2000, he was a U.S. public delegate to the United Nations.

Zimmerman is senior pastor of First Lutheran Church of Greensboro, N.C. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Maryland, and a master's of divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Zimmerman was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Statesville from 1974 to 1978. In 1979, he joined First Lutheran Church of Greensboro as a team pastor. Upon the retirement of the senior pastor in 1993, Zimmerman was chosen as the church's senior pastor.

He has held many leadership positions with the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and currently serves as secretary of the Synod and as spiritual director of Teens Encounter Christ.

He is a longtime member of the Greensboro Urban Ministry Board, formerly serving as vice chair and chair of the group. He served on the Family Life Council Board of Greensboro from 1996 to 2000 and helped develop the Community Marriage Covenant for Greensboro. He has also served on the local Task Group to End Homelessness and was a member of the First Lutheran Care Team, which worked with a homeless family.

## *Three named to Board of Trustees*

Lenoir-Rhyne recently named three people to the Board of Trustees. They are **Jerome Bolick** of Conover, N.C.; **Katherine Ferguson McKenzie '69** of Providence, R.I.; and **Steve Hunt** of Hickory, N.C.



*Bolick*

Bolick is president and CEO of Southern Furniture Co. of Conover. He holds a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he was a member of Phi Beta

Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies. He is a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Conover and past president of the congregation.

He is a past president and current member of the American Home Furnishings Alliance Board of Directors, a past president and current member of the Newton-Conover Rotary Club, a member of the Executive Committee of the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Foundation Board of Palliative

HealthCare and Hospice of Catawba Valley. His is married to **Linda Bolick**. His daughter, **Judith Lynn Bolick**, is a Lenoir-Rhyne student.



*McKenzie*

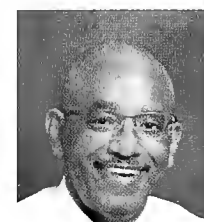
McKenzie is a retired banker with extensive experience in the field of human resources. She is currently working as a consultant. Before retirement, she was group executive vice president and chief

human resources officer of Citizens Financial Group Inc.

McKenzie is a Presbyterian and an active volunteer in her community. She is on the board of Care New England Health System, Women and Infants' Hospital and Crossroads RI. She has served on the Providence Public Schools Board of Education since 2006.

Hunt is executive director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Catawba Valley Community College. He is a graduate of Western Piedmont Community

College and Lees-McRae College and has pursued additional studies at the University of Louisville and Southern Police Institute.



*Hunt*

Hunt previously worked for the Hickory Police Department for 30 years. He was the first African-American commander to retire from the police force. He joined CVCC in 2004 as an instructor in the Criminal Justice Program. He later served

as director of the college's Public Safety Training Program until being named to his present position. He is a deacon and church treasurer of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He is a charter member, past president and current member of the Hickory Sunrise Rotary Club. He is also past assistant district governor for Rotary District 7670.

He is married to **Sarah Hunt** and is the father of three adult children, **Steven Hunt**, **William "Dee" Hunt**, and **Muriel Hunt**, all of Hickory.

## Faculty and staff receive recognition

Lenoir-Rhyne University recognized faculty and staff members during the final convocation of the year.



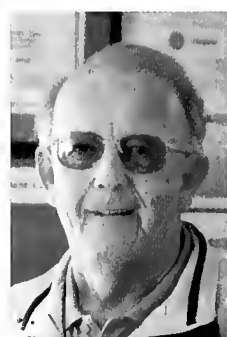
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**Dr. Katherine Pasour**, dean of the College of Health Sciences, received the Roediger Distinguished Professorship. This award is presented annually by the university's president to recognize distinguished service to Lenoir-Rhyne.

**Dr. Antonio Santo**, program coordinator and assistant professor of exercise science, received the Faculty Scholar

Award. This award is presented to the faculty member who has made the greatest contribution to his or her discipline in the spirit of academic inquiry during the academic year.

**Dr. Karen McDougal**, professor of biology, received the Raymond Morris Bost Distinguished Professor Award. This award, given in honor of a former president of Lenoir-Rhyne, recognizes and encourages outstanding teaching. Students nominate their professors for this award.

**Otis Pitts**, director of facilities management, received the Jeff Norris Non-Teaching Employee of the Year Award. This award is presented to the staff member who displays expertise beyond competence in his or her field, is reliable in attendance, contributes to the stated college mission, goes beyond the call of duty in one's work, contributes improvement ideas, places institutional good above individual or department good, displays a positive attitude, willingness to work, enthusiasm, flexibility, and ability to adapt to change.

The following professors received promotions or tenure. **Dr. Douglas Burkholder** and **Dr. Christopher Nigrelli** were promoted to full professor. **Dr. Bjarne Berg** and **Dr. Janet Painter** were granted tenure and promoted to associate professor.

## Other campus news of note

**Dr. David Ludwig**, psychology professor emeritus, and his wife, **Kathy**, were guest speakers in Taiwan May 10-28. David Ludwig spoke at the Legislative Yuan (similar to the U.S. Senate) and to a number of industry and business leaders. The topic was "How to Help Family Cope with the Financial Tsunami."

**Dr. Chris Dometrius**, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a presentation as an invited speaker at the Special Session on Algebraic Groups and Symmetric Spaces at the spring 2009 Southeastern Sectional AMS Conference in Raleigh.

**Dr. Gabrielle Weinberger** participated in the Oxford University Roundtable, where she presented her research on "Nineteenth Century U.S. Women Writers on Education" during her residency at Harris Manchester College July 5-10.

**Dr. Adelia Ruiz**, assistant professor of Spanish, served at the College Board's 2009 AP Spanish Language Reading in Cincinnati, Ohio. This invitation goes to professors and teachers, who grade the Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Literature exams that public and private high school students take throughout the world in May.

**Dr. Craig Schreiber**, assistant professor of business, presented research on "Network Leadership" at the West Point Academy Global Leadership Conference on March 25-28. The purpose of the conference was to bring together top academics, industry professionals, and government officials to better understand the human dimension in an era of persistent volatility.

**Dr. Sarah Kulinski**, professor of nursing, successfully completed all of the requirements of the Mental Health Specialty Certificate Program offered through the Continuing Education Department of Thompson Rivers University, School of Nursing.

The Career and Personal Development Center at L-R has been awarded a \$30,000 grant (to be dispersed over the next three years) from the NCAA to provide alcohol awareness and education on campus.

**Dr. Carl Dresden**, assistant professor of international business and marketing, was certified as a professional researcher by the Marketing Research Association. He was also certified as a global business professional by the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators.

**Dr. Brian Goldsmith**, assistant professor of history, presented at the annual Association for Asian Studies conference in Chicago. His paper was entitled "Commerce, social networks, and power in sixteenth century Japan."

**Dr. Paul Custer** has been named director of general education. In this position, he will be responsible for promoting and coordinating Lenoir-Rhyne's core curriculum.

**Jessica O'Brien**, technology and learning support librarian, presented the workshop "Herding Cats: Giving Clear Directions" along with Vitale president **Kathleen June** at the N.C. Master Trainer Showcase and meeting on March 19-20 in Chapel Hill.

**Dr. Linda Johanson**, associate professor of nursing, published an article titled "Service Learning: Deepening Students' Commitment to Serve" in the April/June issue of *Journal of Christian Nursing*.

**Dr. Rand Brandes**, Martin Luther Stevens Professor of English and Writer in Residence, published a poem in the online journal *New Wild Goose Poetry Review: Windows Toward the Word*.

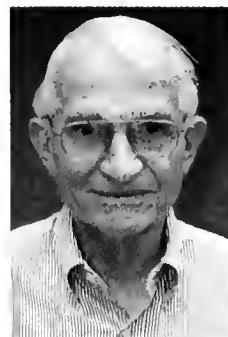
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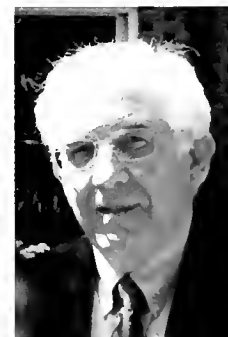
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Several faculty and staff members retired recently. They include **Becky Brinkley**, interpreter for deaf and hard-of-hearing services, 25 years; **J.C. Epting '65**, major gifts officer, 41 years; **Judy Hagans**, administrative assistant, 22 years; **Anita Johnson Gwin**, vice president and dean of students, 13 years; **Thomas Huss**, biology lab assistant in instruction, 43 years; **Lynda Kirby**, director of international studies, 25 years; **Dr. Richard Mazak**, professor of physics, 18 years; **Dr. Augustin Quilici**, professor of French, 34 years; and **Dr. Janette Sims**, coordinator of disability services/peer academic support services, five years.

## A message from the Alumni Association President

Greetings from your Alumni Association! On behalf of all of the officers and members of the Lenoir-Rhyne University Alumni Association Board of Directors, we are so pleased to serve you this year. All Lenoir-Rhyne alumni are members of the Alumni Association, whether you attended in 1929 or recently graduated in 2009. It is our hope that we can serve as your voice, regardless of when Lenoir-Rhyne touched your life.

No doubt all of you have been impacted in some way by the troubling economic times we now face. Lenoir-Rhyne is no exception. But, despite it all, our alma mater continues to provide a top-notch education, strengthening the value of our own degrees in the process. Students are, and must remain, the focus of our great institution. We alumni have an important role to play in the future success of our beloved university. Yes, our financial support is important – indeed, crucial – to the university, but our role is much larger than that.

We can encourage high school students to visit our campus, hire Lenoir-Rhyne students to work in our places of business, and serve as mentors to students who hope to work in our chosen professions. We can attend concerts, lectures, and sporting events on campus, and we can encourage others

to do the same. We can volunteer time to assist with phone-a-thons or serve on a committee or task force. And yes, we can support The Fund for Lenoir-Rhyne by making annual donations.

Lenoir-Rhyne also has so much to offer us as alumni. Our alumni director, **Suzanne Jackson**, and our chapter chairs have focused on planning many unique, affordable and fun events, such as the Unhappy Hour in Richmond, Va., the Riverbanks Zoo trip in Columbia, S.C., and the gingerbread house decorating event on campus, which is destined to become a new holiday tradition for local alumni. These events are wonderful ways to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and remember the ties that bind us together as proud alumni of Lenoir-Rhyne. Please join us whenever your schedule allows, and please encourage fellow alumni to do the same!

Please let us know how we can best serve you in the coming year. Please contact me, our alumni director, Suzanne Jackson, or any member of the Alumni Association Board with any comments, ideas or questions you may have.

Go Bears!



**Julie Davis Pearce '94**  
Alumni Association President

### IN MEMORIAM:

**M. Edith Walker '36**

*of Concord on Jan. 9*

**Nan Deal Havnaer '29**

*of Rock Hill, S.C., on Dec. 15*

**James Smith '37**

*of Lincolnton on Dec. 27*

**Thomas Mott '30**

*of Duck Key, Fla., on March 22*

**Lewis Drum '38**

*of Newton on May 7*

**Phyllis Shumate Cupp '30**

*of Churchville, Va., on Feb. 4*

**William Tuttle '39**

*of Maiden on April 29*

**Aurine Davis Gallaheer '30**

*of Ocean Springs, Miss., on Jan. 22*

**Elizabeth Warlick Green '40**

*of Cedar Park, Texas, on May 31*

**Harlan Creech '33**

*of Charlotte on June 15*

**James Barker '42**

*of Hickory on April 14*

**Pauline Sink '35**

*of Thomasville on Dec. 3*

**Lucille Tuttle Meyer '43**

*of Virginia Beach, Va., on Jan. 22*

**Lena Sink Proto '36**

*of Lexington on Feb. 21*

**Joseph Lemmond '44**

*of Schenectady, N.Y., on March 16*

**Mabel Yoder Nixon '36**

*of Denver on Jan. 10*

**Dot Brown Johnson '45**

*of Hickory on Feb. 16*

**Violet Asherbraner Barkley '45**

*of Hickory on Dec. 31*

**Doris Byrd '48**

*of Hickory on March 5*

**Margaret Randall Morris '46**

*of Salisbury on May 6*

**Kenneth Johnson '48**

*of Hickory on Feb. 28*

**Nancy Cloer Shell '46**

*of Hickory on March 25*

**Earl Duncan '49**

*of Marion on April 8*

**Peggy Brooks '46**

*of Hickory on March 10*

**Joe Reese '49**

*of Claremont on March 31*

**Vivian Abernethy Rozzelle '47**

*of Hickory on May 30*

**Elmo Pascal '49**

*of Morganton on March 5*

**Doris Gallamore Sides '47**

*of Hickory on March 8*

**Frank Herman '49**

*of Hickory on Jan. 26*

**Jewel Smith Driver '47**

*of Landis on Feb. 12*

**Jane Cannon Walker '49**

*of Hickory on Jan. 11*

**Dorus Bennett '48**

*of Kings Mountain on May 7*

**William Little '50**

*of Chapel Hill on Feb. 27*

**Rebecca Jones Barger '48**

*of Hickory on April 12*

**Ralph Coley '51**

*of Hickory on June 23*

## Alumni Board proposes bylaws change

The Board of Directors for the Lenoir-Rhyne Alumni Association has issued proposed revisions to the current L-R Alumni Constitution and By-Laws. Your vote counts! These revisions will be an action item at the 2010 Alumni Association Annual Meeting to be held during Alumni Weekend April 30-May 1, 2010. For a copy of the proposed revisions, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 828.328.7171, or go online to [www.alumni.lr.edu/constitutionbylaws](http://www.alumni.lr.edu/constitutionbylaws)

**Joe Gabriel '51**  
of Newton on June 11

**L. Baine Laye '51**  
of Hendersonville on April 29

**Betty Patterson Black '51**  
of Concord on April 24

**Elmer Herman '51**  
of Conover on April 16

**Ruth Perry Brown '51**  
of Troutman on Dec. 31

**Albert Archibald '52**  
of Statesville on Jan. 15

**Elenore Pitts Nuzum '52**  
of Hickory on Dec. 11

**Barbara Seagle Whaley '53** of  
Maysville on Feb. 10

**Mabel Martin Fontaine '53**  
of Macon, Ga., on Jan. 30

**Perry Taylor '53**  
of Statesville on Jan. 26

**P.V. Smith '55**  
of Canton, Ga., on April 4

**Grover Edwards '55**  
of Raleigh on Jan. 18

**Harley Bowman '58**  
of Taylorsville on Feb. 1

**Georgann Alexander Carswell '58**  
of Hickory on Jan. 5

**Arthur Vellutato '59**  
of Exton, Pa., on March 10

**Phyllis Lipe '59**  
of China Grove on March 4

**Mozelle Lackey Moose '59**  
of Hiddenite on Dec. 16

**Thomas Newsome '60**  
of Rural Hall on June 9

**Don Shook '60**  
of Moneta, Va., on March 13

**Barbara Deal Land-Berdine '61**  
of Moravian Falls on March 21

**Robert Tunstall '62**  
of Hickory on May 8

## New Alumni Board members



New members of the Alumni Board include (left to right) *Alfred Current '76, David Brittain '00, Doug Blackburn Jr. '04, Claude Deal '59 and Jeremy Fisher '88.* Not pictured is *Todd Cutter '96.* These members will serve until 2012. New board members who are filling unexpired terms are *Janet Simpson Lampe '64 and Arnold "Bo" Starnes '75.* They will serve until 2010.

## Dr. William F. "Bill" Little '50 dies Helped develop Research Triangle Park

**Dr. William F. "Bill" Little '50**, who helped establish North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, died Feb. 27 at his home in Chapel Hill. He was 79.

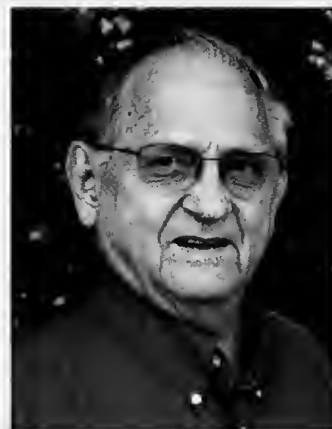
Little served on the Lenoir-Rhyne Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1963 and on its development board from 1967 to 1973. He received the L-R Distinguished Alumnus award in 1970.

Little, a research chemist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for more than 40 years and a former vice president of the UNC system, served on the boards of RTP and RTI since the mid-1960s. RTI International was the founding tenant of the RTP.

"Bill's tremendous positive influence and long-lasting contributions to RTI and North Carolina are hard to overstate," said **RTI President and CEO Victoria Haynes**. "He was among the key visionaries who helped establish RTI International and Research Triangle Park, which together have helped transform this region into a dynamic engine of science, technology and economic prosperity."

A native of Hickory, and one of nine children, Little was born in 1929 and received his bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology and mathematics from Lenoir-Rhyne. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill as a Morehead scholar, earning his master's degree in physical chemistry in 1952 and a doctorate in organic chemistry in 1954.

Little began his teaching career at Reed College in 1955 but returned to UNC-Chapel Hill the following year as a chemistry instructor. He rose rapidly through the ranks, holding a number of administrative positions at the university. He was



**Mary Walsh '62** of Valdese  
on March 18

**Eve Anthony Pitts '63**  
of Hickory on Feb. 24

**Georgie Boaz '64**  
of Ocala, Fla., on Dec. 26

**E. Alexander Stevenson '66**  
of Raleigh on May 30

**James Sigmon '68**  
of Newton on April 19

**Gary Perryman '68**  
of High Point on March 11

**William Baehr '68**  
of Chapin, S.C., on Feb. 10

**Cheryl Boguslawski Pixley '69**  
of Cape Coral, Fla., on March 10

**Robert Smith '69**  
of Newton on Jan. 7

**David Morrison '71**  
of Hickory on Feb. 16

**Tommy Bolin '72**  
of Shalimar, Fla., on April 26

**Richard Cox '74**  
of Manasquan, N.J., on March 24

**Hayden Robinson '75**  
of Hickory on Jan. 17

**Robert Wellman '79**  
of Valdese on April 19

**Jeffrey Bumgarner '81**  
of Hickory on June 20

**Harry Parrish '89**  
of Connelly Springs on April 18

**Darlene Baker '89**  
of Conover on Dec. 30

**Jennifer Evans '90**  
of Columbia, S.C., on June 20

**Eric Chojnowski '98**  
of Deltona, Fla., on Jan. 17

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## 1936

A permanent marker and sign have been commissioned in honor of **David Rudisill Mauney Jr.** and **Mary Frances Bagby Mauney '35** naming the campus of Cherryville High School as the David Rudisill Mauney Jr. and Mary Frances Bagby Mauney Memorial Campus. A dedication and portrait unveiling took place on May 16.

## 1957

**Carl Ficken** is the editor of *Hornucopia: Selected Writings of Henry E. Horn*, published by The University Lutheran Association of Greater Boston in 2008, and honoring the ministry of this prominent Lutheran campus pastor, liturgical scholar and historian. Dr. Ficken is also the co-author (with Dr. Peter Samuelson) of *Crossings for Kids* (a Sunday School Curriculum for grades 1-6) published by Logos Productions ([www.logosproductions.com](http://www.logosproductions.com)), released in 2009 and 2010.

## 1959

**Anne Barker Burr** took a spin around the track at the Atlanta Motor Speedway after winning a raffle for a children's charity. She had the option of riding along with a professional driver at top speed or piloting her own NASCAR vehicle at a slower pace, and she chose to drive. She

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appointed University Distinguished Professor of Chemistry in 1977, a position he held until his retirement in 1996.

Little's involvement with the RTI and RTP began when he was appointed in 1957 by **then-Gov. Luther Hodges** to serve on the Research Institute Committee, charged with evaluating the possibility of creating a scientific center in the Triangle area. Becoming a sort of "traveling salesman" for the center, he helped recruit some of its first tenants and scientists. The day before his death, Little spoke at the State of RTP breakfast, challenging business leaders to aggressively pursue opportunities that lie ahead during the next 50 years.

completed eight laps and hit a top speed of 111 mph.

## 1964

**Larry Fox** retired last year after 25 years as an environmental chemist/environmental senior specialist with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Hazardous Waste Section.

## 1967

**Sylvia Temple Boyd** retired Dec. 1, 2008, after 30 years of service to the state of North Carolina as a judicial assistant in the Twenty-Second Judicial District. She was presented The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is the highest civilian honor and is granted by the governor of the

state of North Carolina.

## 1971

**John Landry** and his wife, Shirley, have retired to North Myrtle Beach. They love the beach and John plays golf every day.

## 1972

**William "Bill" Baker** is the owner of Austin-Weaver Services, a leadership coaching provider, utilizing web-based assessments, measurements, training and coaching to assist adults with their leadership development in today's complex work environment.

**S. Jane Tesh** has published her third mystery novel, "A Little Learning," in June by Poisoned Pen Press.

## 1973

**Carla Larsen Hill** was honored for 30 years of service as an adjunct lecturer in mathematics in the Mathematics, Physical, and Computer Science Department at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

## Baby Bears

Debbie and **Mickey Payseur** became grandparents to Mallie Ann Emerson on April 2, 2009. New mother, Jenny Emerson, is doing well.

## 1979

**Dr. Miriam Adderholdt** made a presentation at the 2009 North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented/Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education conference in Winston-Salem, N.C. Her topic was "Perfectionism: What's Bad About Being Too Good," which was based on her book of the same title.

## 1980

**Greg Rogers** has been promoted to vice president of sales administration at Craftmaster Furniture Inc. in Taylorsville, N.C. Greg has been employed by Craftmaster since 1990 in various management roles, most recently as credit manager.



*Evynne Rashel Thurman shows off her new L-R bib. She is the daughter of Danielle Black Thurman '02 and Bryan Thurman.*

You may submit class notes online at: [www.lr.edu](http://www.lr.edu) or by mail to:  
Office of Alumni & Parent Relations  
P. O. Box 7228  
Hickory, NC 28603  
by FAX to: 828-328-7358  
or email [lr.alumni@lr.edu](mailto:lr.alumni@lr.edu)

## Submit Your Class Notes For Alumni News

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Marriage Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Do not submit before marriage.)

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Is spouse an alumnus/a? \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes If yes, give class year \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Other news: \_\_\_\_\_



**1981**

**The Rev. John D. Stirewalt** has accepted a call as senior pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tampa, Fla., beginning May 1. He was formerly pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tenn.

**Charles Barry Waddell** was promoted to area supervisor at the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department where he has worked for 24 years.

**1985**

**Robert Rhyne** joined Bridgewater Capital Inc. in Charlotte, N.C., as a senior loan officer. He originates residential and commercial mortgage loans in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Robert has been an active volunteer and official with the National Collegiate Water Ski Association for several years and recently served as the chief scorer at Nationals in Tempe, Ariz. He is currently the eastern region chairman for the association and is serving as a member of the national board of directors.

**1986**

Michael Thomas McLean, son of **Michael Theodore McLean**, graduated from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas, with a bachelor's in business administration and a master's in professional accounting.

**1991**

**Tammy Jones West** was commissioned as an associate in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in June 2008. She graduated from Luther Seminary in May with a master's in religion – children, youth, and faith. In August, she begins her 16th year as youth and family ministry coordinator for the North Carolina Synod, ELCA, and her second year as adjunct faculty in the Religion Department at Lenoir-Rhyne.

*Baby Bears*

Born to **Joyce Pothier-Keenan** and Christopher Keenan, a son, James Patrick, on Oct. 17, 2008. The family lives in Revere, Mass.

## *Bible scholar wins award*

### *Alumna interested in women of the Bible*



**Janet Howe Gaines '72** has long been interested in literature and the Bible. Since 1982, she has taught part-time in the University of New Mexico English Department, specializing in the Bible. Her work was recognized recently when she won an Outstanding Teacher of the Year award from UNM.

Her popular courses include "The Bible as Literature," "Women of the Bible," and "Jewish American Literature." She has also taught "Mythology" and

"From Bookshelf to Hollywood," a course featuring famous literature that has translated successfully into film.

Gaines grew up in First Lutheran Church of Albemarle and attended summer programs on the L-R campus as a teenager. She fell in love with the campus and never considered attending any other college.

"My L-R days were very happy, and my professors gave me opportunities to grow intellectually, especially in the Honors Program," she said.

She earned an English degree at L-R and still corresponds with her mentors, retired **Professors Ron and Rose Mahan**. She received her doctorate in English from the University of Tennessee. Her interest in the Bible intensified when she converted to Judaism several years after marrying her Jewish husband, **Barry Gaines**, a Shakespeare professor at the University of New Mexico. To learn about her new faith, she studied Hebrew with a rabbi for five years and pursued a post-doctoral program in biblical studies.

Following the unexpected death of a professor, she was asked to teach a course called "The Bible as Literature" at UNM. "Preparing myself to teach the class was hard work, but it was also a joy," she said. "Knowing how to read Hebrew and Greek helped enormously."

She is certified by the Hebrew Union College (which trains Reform rabbis) to teach Jewish literature, culture, and Hebrew language. Gaines' classes are among the most popular on campus, drawing students from diverse majors, such as English, art, women's studies and engineering. Gaines believes that anyone wanting to understand Western culture needs to study the Bible.

She has also published the books "Music in the Old Bones: Jezebel Through the Ages" and "Forgiveness in a Wounded World: Jonah's Dilemma." She is now working on a new book that examines the role of non-Israelite women in the Bible.

Gaines has appeared as a guest scholar on an Arts and Entertainment network program about Jezebel. U.S. News & World Report featured her scholarship in a special issue on women's issues. She and her husband are the parents of two adult children. Their son is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Ancient Near East and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University.

**1992***Baby Bears*

Born to **T. Chris Blackmon** and Gina Blackmon, a daughter, Mary Elissa, on Oct. 13, 2008. The family resides in Darlington, S.C.

**1993***Baby Bears*

Born to **Edith Wells Lewis** and Ernest Lewis, a son, Wells, on Oct. 20, 2008.

Born to **John W. Perrine** and Kelly Perrine, a daughter, Landyn Kash, on Dec. 4, 2008. The family resides in Gravette, Ark.

**1994**

**Jim Huster** was ordained as a pastor and teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church in America on Feb. 22, 2009. A graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary, he was called to be the founding pastor of Harbor Presbyterian Church, Ocean Beach campus. Jim, his wife Michelle and their two children reside in Ocean Beach, Calif.

**Mark Thomas** finished Puccini's "Turandot" in March with the Jacksonville Symphony and performed Mozart's "Requiem in D Minor" in April. He was asked to return in 2010 for Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutti" and "Porgy and Bess."

**1995**

**Frank McKay** was named the Environmental Educator of the Year by Environmental Educators of North Carolina in December 2008. Frank is a teacher at Exploris Middle School in Raleigh, N.C.

*Baby Bears*

Born to **Kim Bryden Burrell** and Miles A. Burrell, a daughter, Nevaeh Grace, on July 21, 2008. She joins step-brother Devonté, 11. The family resides in Manchester, Conn.

**1996***Baby Bears*

**Jennifer Fox Mason** gave birth to Jenna Peyton Mason on May 16.

2008. She joins sister Jocelyn, age 5.

## 1997

### *Baby Bears*

Born to **Valerie Pramaggiore Kelly** and Robert Kelly, a daughter, Madeleine Grace, on April 4, 2008. The family resides in Fredericksburg, Va.

## 1998

### *Baby Bears*

Born to **Christine "Crissy" Eubanks Herron** and Chad Herron, a son, Benjamin Reed on May 14, 2008.

Born to **Autumn Hyde Kennedy** and Chad Kennedy, a boy, Eli

Frederick, on Sept. 24, 2008. Eli joins brother Miles, 5, and sister Holland, 2. The family resides in Lakeland, Fla. Chad is employed with CHEP in Orlando and Autumn is a stay-at-home mom.

## 1999

### *Baby Bears*

Born to **Quana Winstead**, twin daughters, Sara Elizabeth and Samantha Nicole, on July 28, 2008. The family resides in Cherokee, N.C.

## 2000

**Rebecca "Becca" Updegrave Cline** was recently recognized as Teacher of the Year at Fairlead Academy in St. Mary's

County Public Schools, Md. She also recently completed a post-graduate certificate in administration and supervision through McDaniel College.

**Steven M. Peeler** has been called to serve at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hastings, Neb.

### *Married*

**William "Billy" Hilton** and **Amanda Hurt '05** on December 6, 2008. Amanda is an assistant athletic trainer at L-R. Billy is a survey developer and programmer at The Jackson Group, Hickory, N.C.

### *Baby Bears*

Born to **Katherine Durham Canestrano** and Dan Canestrano

a son, Tyler Scott, on Oct. 9, 2008.

**Matthew Davis** and **Tara Bossart Davis** announce the birth of their son, Mark, born on May 7, 2009. Matthew also recently took a new position at Shurtape in Hickory as an I.T. manager in their e-commerce space.

Born to **April Montgomery Schortz** and Joseph Schortz twin daughters, Hailey Jean and Peighton Elizabeth, on Aug. 19, 2008. The family resides in Punta Gorda, Fla.

## 2001

**Misty Lester Gibbs** was named vice president of credit administration at Valley Bank in Roanoke, Va.

## *Alumni Association presents awards*



*Dr. Wayne Powell (right), president of Lenoir-Rhyne University, congratulates the winners of this year's Alumni Association Awards. They are (left to right): Bruce Blackburn, the Rev. Dr. Gerald S. Troutman, Wilbert Seabock, retired Col. Fred Brown and Dr. Jeremy Miles.*

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Alumni Association presented awards to the following five people during Alumni Weekend.

**The Rev. Dr. Gerald S. Troutman '56** of Newnan, Ga., received the Clarence L. Pugh Distinguished Alumnus Award. Troutman received his master of divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C.; and doctor of ministry degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He has received many honors including the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary's Dr. J. Luther Mauney Leadership Award. He was listed in Who's Who in Atlanta and Who's Who in America. He was the baccalaureate speaker at Lenoir-Rhyne in 2008.

Troutman has served as pastor of congregations in Greeneville, Tenn., and in Atlanta. In addition, he has served as

secretary, president and bishop of the SSLCA. He has served on the staff of the Division for Ministry and Synodical Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, as director of development for Lutheran Ministries of Georgia. Currently, he is the resource associate for the ELCA's "Fund for Leaders in Mission," a scholarship program for seminary students.

**Dr. Jeremy Miles '98** of Hastings, Neb., received the Rising Star Award, which recognizes a young alumnus. Miles works in the field of animal research. He is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, as a research physiologist in the Reproductive Research Unit. He earned a master's in animal health science from North Carolina A&T and a doctorate in physiology from

North Carolina State University. He has authored a number of publications and presented at conferences throughout the United States.

**Retired Col. Fred T. Brown Jr. '69** of Charlotte received the Opal Moretz Service to the Community Award. Brown served in the armed forces for 40 years. He is a graduate of the Army Officer Candidate School, Ranger School and Airborne School. He has received numerous military honors, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V," Meritorious Service Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal. He is a previous recipient of the Clarence L. Pugh Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Brown has had a 36-year career in health care management and currently oversees management of five hospitals in North Carolina and South Carolina for Carolinas HealthCare System.

**Wilbert Seabock '50** of Hickory received the Opal Moretz Service to the University Award. Seabock is past president of L-R's Piedmont Educational Foundation Board and is an honorary life member of the PEF/Bears Club. He is a past president of the Alumni Association. He served on the Board of Visitors from 1983 to 1989 and on the Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2003.

**Bruce Blackburn '73** of Hickory received the Service to the Alumni Association Award. Blackburn is a retired corporate controller and substitute school teacher. He has served on the board of the Alumni Association and was the secretary/treasurer of the Alumni Association from 1984 to 2008.

## Volleyball star named to SAC Hall of Fame

**Michelle Baity Bryant '02** was recently named to the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame. During her playing years, she was one of the most dominating volleyball players in the conference.



She was a four-time volleyball first-team All-Conference selection from 1998-2001 and was named the 1998 SAC Freshman of the Year. She led the conference in kills per game for three consecutive years and hitting percentage for two years.

She still holds 15 career and single-season records at Lenoir-Rhyne and is the only player in school history to have her jersey retired. She is

Lenoir-Rhyne's all-time leader in kills, attacks and hitting percentage. Baity Bryant was also an Academic All-District selection in 2001.

After graduation, she served as an assistant coach at Lenoir-Rhyne for four years, helping the squad to its only two SAC regular-season championships. She currently is a nurse for Maple Leaf Health Care in Statesville, N.C.

### Baby Bears

Born to **Joe Favero** and **Lindsay Bertram Favero '02**, a daughter, Eleanor Malone, born Dec. 23, 2008.

Born to **Laura Harting Vreeland** and Eric Vreeland, a son, William Ellis, on March 2, 2009. The family resides in Wake Forest, N.C.

### 2002

#### Married

**Meghan Jolly** and Jonathon Pritchett on Oct. 10, 2008. The couple resides in Schertz, Texas.

### Baby Bears

Born to **Amber Starbuck Kirkman** and Joseph Kirkman, a son, Daniel, on Feb. 3, 2009.

Born to **Justi Jackson Cernak** and Derek Cernak, a son, Canton Oak, on Feb. 18, 2009. Canton joins brother Dakota. Grandparents are **Jeff Jackson '78** and **Sherri Edwards Jackson '78**.

**Shannon Bruther Wahler** and her husband, Joe, welcomed Regan Leigh on May 20. The family lives in Oakton, Va.

**Danielle Black Thurman**, and husband, Bryan, welcomed a daughter, Eynne Rashel, on July 8. Danielle is employed as a nurse at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory and Bryan works for Coca Cola in Hickory. The family lives in Newton.

### 2003

#### Baby Bears

Born to **Rachel Greene Lamb** and **Joshua Lamb '02**, a son,

Andrew Zachary, on Oct. 26, 2008. He joins big brothers Jackson, 10, and Jacob, 4. The family resides in Conover, N.C. Rachel earned her master's degree from Appalachian State in reading education in spring 2008.

**Elise Mayse Shelton** and husband, Chad, welcomed their first child, Brian Scott, on June 23, 2009. The family lives in Goose Creek, S.C.

### 2004

#### Baby Bears

Born to **Ashley Lawless Cherry** and **Trent Cherry '01**, a son, Daniel Nicholas "Nick", on Oct. 1, 2008. The family resides in China Grove, N.C.

### 2006

**Catharine Mattox** received a master of science degree from Wake Forest University May 18. Vice President Joe Biden gave the commencement address to approximately 1,600 graduates.

**Courtney Smith** begins graduate school in August 2009 at Duke University to pursue a master's degree in the Physician Assistant Program.

### 2007

#### Baby Bears

Born to **Ryan Spleet** and Jennifer Spleet, a daughter, Whitney Paige, on May 20, 2009. The family resides in Conover, N.C.

## Did you know?

- **Todd Misura '97** OTR/L, a member of L-R's first occupational therapy graduating class, was interviewed on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" show about whether schools should discontinue teaching cursive writing.
- **Rachel Nichols**, vice president for enrollment management, was nominated for the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce's first Woman of the Year Award.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service named Lenoir-Rhyne University to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities.
- **Carolyn Schweikert**, circulation librarian, was featured in a front-page article in the Hickory Daily Record for her role as a therapeutic foster parent. She has twice been named Therapeutic Foster Parent of the Year in Catawba County.
- Several current L-R art students and recent graduates exhibited their work at the Old Rock School Gallery in Valdese.
- Senior **Isaac Smith** spent the summer researching red-eyed tree frogs at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. He plans to publish his research in a scientific journal.
- **Dr. Bjarne Berg** was a guest on the WFAE public radio program "Charlotte Talks." He was interviewed about behavioral scoring. See related article on page 4.

## *New ornament shows L-R logo*

The most recent Lenoir-Rhyne Christmas ornament shows the new L-R logo. This ornament was created as a lasting memento of the historic name change from Lenoir-Rhyne College to Lenoir-Rhyne University.

You can own this piece of L-R history for \$15, which includes shipping and handling. Or buy the ornament when you stop by the Alumni House on campus.

Other historic ornaments are also still available at the same price. They include Old Main, Schaeffer Hall, Mauney Hall, McCrorie Center, Highland Hall, Rudisill Library, Rhyne Building, Russell House, Old St. Andrew's Church and Cline Gym. Many of these older ornaments are available in very limited quantities. Take this opportunity to complete your collection, or order one for your favorite L-R alum.

Checks should be made out to Lenoir-Rhyne University and mailed to Lenoir-Rhyne, P.O. Box 7228, Hickory, N.C. 28603. When ordering, be sure to specify which ornaments you wish to purchase. For additional information, or to pay with your MasterCard or Visa credit card, contact Nancy Lemaire Rinehart at 828-328-7171.



*Brendan Haney '08, assistant director of annual giving, drives the golf cart, which was a gift from the Class of 2008.*

## *Thanks for the ride!*

*Editor's Note: This note of appreciation was received from the Class of 1959 Reunion Committee:*

Our Class of 1959 recently celebrated a wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion. We looked back fondly on our years at our alma mater and renewed friendships and celebrated memories. During the weekend on campus, we attended several activities. Some of us who aren't as agile as we used to be were treated to the use of a new golf cart, chauffeured by a staff member.

We learned that the golf cart was a class gift to Lenoir-Rhyne from the Class of 2008. Needless to say, we were impressed that these young graduates who are just embarking on their careers had the foresight to think of those much older who might need a gift of this sort. We would like to extend our appreciation to this Class of 2008 for their generosity in providing a gift that will be used for years to come by those of us with handicaps to get around our beautiful campus.

Thank you.

**The Class of 1959, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee**

*Several members of the Class of 2009 stand in the Butterfly Garden on the Quad. This year's senior class gift paid for a major renovation of this area.*



## *About Class Notes*

Class Notes provides an opportunity for alumni to keep the L-R community informed about important events in their lives. We encourage you to submit your news online at [www.alumni.lr.edu](http://www.alumni.lr.edu) or by mailing the Class Notes form to: Class Notes, Lenoir-Rhyne University, P.O. 7228, Hickory, N.C. 28603. Because space is always at a premium, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that your item will appear, or that it will appear as written. We reserve the right to edit your news as necessary for reasons of space or appropriateness. If your item does not appear within two issues after you submit it, please contact Nancy Lemaire Rinehart at 828-328-7171 or [lr.alumni@lr.edu](mailto:lr.alumni@lr.edu) to make sure it has been received.

# ALUMNI WEEKEND



◆ Members of the Class of 1969 gather for a reunion.



◆ Former members of *The Crew Necks*, a popular music group composed of Lenoir-Rhyne students, get together at the Class of 1959 reunion. From left to right are *Bob Rhyne '59*, *Edgar Trexler '59*, *Doug "Shorty" Walker '60*, *Jim Brown '59*, *Charles Murph '59*, *Gary Safrit '60*, *Yoder Whitley '59*, and *John Merck '60*.

◆ *Miriam Davis '59* presents *Dr. Wayne Powell* with the Class of 1959's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift. It was for \$116,146.02 and was one of the largest class gifts ever.



◆ *Harvey Blume '58* gives his wife, *Susanne Snyder Blume '59*, her Golden Bears pin during Alumni Weekend. Alumni are inducted into the Golden Bears when they have their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.



◆ Members of the Class of 1949 gather for their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion at the home of the president. They are *Wadine Martin Smith '59*, *Joe Power*, *Meta Black Power '59*, *Dot Collins Armstrong '59*, and *Price Petrea '59*.

◆ Alumni, faculty, staff and community members participate in the April Fools for Fitness Fun Run.



SEPTEMBER

- 30--Oct. 4 "The Baltimore Waltz" by Paula Vogel presented by The LRU Playmakers  
7:30 p.m. on Sept. 30-Oct. 3; 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 4.  
P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*This flight of imagination centers on a brother, a sister, a mysterious man, a quirky battle with terminal illness and a deeper understanding of the ties that bind. Adult content and strong language. \$*
- II Frederick Moyer piano concert presented by the Friends of Music Concert Series  
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*Moyer plays a variety of classical music. His delightful commentary bridges the gap between stage and audience.*
- I7 Visiting Writer Richard Rodriguez  
7 p.m., Belk Centrum  
*Mexican-American essayist and novelist Rodriguez is best known for his Pulitzer Prize-nominated "Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father." His most recent publication is "Brown: The Last Discovery of America."*
- I7-I9 The Best of Lenoir-Rhyne Fall Showcase/Parents Weekend  
*Parents, alumni and community members are invited to this taste of L-R. Attend a musical performance, listen to a distinguished writer, or watch an athletic event.*
- 25 "I Take My Life in My Hand: A Tale of Two Cherokees and the Trail of Tears," presented by Dr. Amy Sturgis  
6 p.m., Rudisill Library  
*A presentation of the Friends of the Rudisill Library. Proceeds benefit the library. \$*

OCTOBER

- 9 Visiting Writer Marisha Pessl  
7 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium, presented jointly with UNC-TV  
*Pessl will be interviewed by D.G. Martin for a later broadcast on UNC-TV's "NC Bookwatch." Pessl made her literary debut with "Special Topics in Calamity Physics" (2006). This novel was named a Notable Book of the Year and Editor's Choice by the New York Times.*
- 9-10 Homecoming  
*For a detailed schedule, go to [www.alumni.lru.edu](http://www.alumni.lru.edu) \$*
- 10 Jasper String Quartet a Friends of Music Concert Series and Western Piedmont Symphony Chamber Classics Series joint event  
8 p.m. P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*Tickets \$20 each, available at the door. Donors who have contributed to the L-R Friends of Music 2009-1010 series before Oct. 1 will receive two free tickets. Details: Beverly Hefner, [hefnerb@lr.edu](mailto:hefnerb@lr.edu), 828-328-7376. \$*
- 22 Visiting Writer Tess Gallagher with Paula Meehan  
7 p.m., Belk Centrum  
*Gallagher is an American poet, author, essayist and playwright. Gallagher's books include "Instructions to the Double," "Willingly," "Dear Ghosts" and "Moon Crossing Bridge." Meehan is an Irish poet and playwright. She received the Marten Toonder Prize by the*

Arts Council and the Butler Award for Poetry from the Irish-American Cultural Institute.

- 23 Aquinas/Luther Conference presented by the LRU Center for Theology  
9 a.m., Belk Centrum  
*The topic will be "Aquinas and Luther" on St. Paul.*
- 25 Jesus, Justice Jazz Tour for World Hunger sponsored by the ELCA  
3 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*For additional details, contact Tammy Jones West at [westtj@lr.edu](mailto:westtj@lr.edu) or go to [www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Youth-Ministry/Youth-Gathering/JJJ-Music-Tour/JJJ-Tour-Schedule.aspx](http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Youth-Ministry/Youth-Gathering/JJJ-Music-Tour/JJJ-Tour-Schedule.aspx) \$*

NOVEMBER

- 5 Visiting Writer Jeanette Walls co-sponsored by the Hickory Public Library  
7 p.m., Belk Centrum  
*Walls is a journalist who has written for New York Magazine, Esquire and USA Today. Her memoir, "A Glass Castle," is being made into a film.*
- II-15 "How I Learned to Drive" by Paula Vogel presented by The LRU Playmakers  
7:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, 13-14; 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12; 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 15, Belk Centrum  
*Visiting Writer Paula Vogel will speak at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the Nov. 12 performance. She is a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and the Award for Literature from The American Academy of Arts and Letters This 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning play explores the persistence of memory, the importance of family and the power of forgiveness through a young girl's lessons behind the wheel. Adult content and strong language. \$*
- 19 Lenoir-Rhyne University Concert Band Daniel W. Kiser, conductor  
7:30 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
- 22 Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus Fall Concert  
4 p.m. Viewmont Baptist Church, Hickory

DECEMBER

- 5 Christmas at Lenoir-Rhyne  
2:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory
- 7-8 Christmas at Lenoir-Rhyne  
7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory
- 12 Gingerbread House Decorating Event  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cromer Center  
*Bring creative children and patient parents or helpers. Cost: \$8 per house. \$*
- 16 Arts Aloud presents Puddingstone Christmas Concert  
7:30 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*For advance ticket information, call 828-328-7234. Tickets go on sale Nov. 9 and will also be available at the door. \$*
- 18 December commencement  
7 p.m., Shuford Memorial Gymnasium

Alumni holiday receptions

Don't miss these special holiday receptions for alumni! For details and reservations, go to [www.alumni.lru.edu](http://www.alumni.lru.edu) or call 828-328-7171.

Dec. 10 - The Summit Club, Columbia, S.C.

Dec. 15 - The String & Splinter Club, High Point, N.C.

Dec. 17 - Red Rocks Cafe, Bar and Bakery, Charlotte, N.C.

JANUARY

22 Four Nations Ensemble  
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*A gifted group of musicians perform music from the Baroque era.*

28 Visiting Writer Mitchell Gold  
7 p.m., Belk Centrum  
*Gold is the co-founder of the furniture company Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams and creator of Faith in America, an organization dedicated to ending religion-based prejudice against the gay community. He is editor of "Crisis," a collection of 40 articles by well-known and accomplished gay Americans.*

FEBRUARY

25 Visiting Writer in Residence Abigail DeWitt  
7 p.m. Belk Centrum  
*DeWitt is an award-winning novelist and short-story writer. She has also taught creative writing at several universities.*

25-28 "I Do! I Do! A Musical About Marriage,"  
presented by The LRU Playmakers  
7:30 p.m. Feb. 25-27, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 28  
*This charming two-person musical invites us into the newly married lives of Michael and Agnes. Familiar songs share the tender and touchy ups and downs of their 50 years together. \$*

MARCH

6 John Bell, Church Musician-in-Residence  
co-sponsored by Lenoir-Rhyne University  
and Northminster Presbyterian Church  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
*Registration in the Church Hall of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory.*

7 Singing the Music of the Iona Community  
John Bell, leader  
9:45 a.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, Hickory  
*Worship with John Bell, preacher, 11 a.m.*

11 The Cleveland Duo and James Umble  
Friends of Music Concert Series  
7:30 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*A virtuosic and versatile voice in contemporary chamber music for violin, piano and saxophone.*

21 A Capella Choir home concert  
7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory

APRIL

12 Hein-Frye Lecture, Dr. David Rhodes, New Testament professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago  
9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum

16 Julia Alvarez (The BIG Read/The Little Read author)  
7 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*She has written many books, including "How Tia Lola Came to Visit Stay," "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" and "In the Time of the Butterflies." Her most recent book, "Once Upon a Quinceanera," was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.*

17 Julia Alvarez (The BIG Read/The Little Read author)  
1 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium  
*Talk for children.*

21-25 "Antigone: Child of Cadmos" adapted by Mia Self  
7:30 p.m. April 21-24; 2:30 p.m. April 25, Belk Centrum  
*This original adaptation of "Antigone" examines the place of women in war, honor in the family and duty to country. Based on Sophocles' Theban Plays, the story follows a doomed heroine in her quest to bury her slain and dishonored brother.*

23 Lenoir-Rhyne University Concert Band  
Daniel W. Kiser, conductor  
8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium

25 Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus  
4 p.m., place TBD

30-May 1 Alumni Weekend \$

\$ indicates there is a charge for this event. All other events are free. All events are subject to change.

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*Alumni Association elects officers*

The LRU Alumni Association elected officers for 2009-2010 at Alumni Weekend. They are as follows: **Julie Davis Pearce '94**, president; **Carrie Maness Regan '99**, president-elect; **Dick Huffman '72**, immediate past president; **Boyd Wilson '74**, vice president; **Gabrielle Macon '01**, vice president. The position of secretary/treasurer is currently vacant.

Alumni Association Board members whose terms expire in 2010 are as follows: **Reid "Pete" Chapman '58**, **Janet Simpson Lampe '62**, **Arnold "Bo" Starnes '75**, **W. Grant Matthews '83**, **Dr. Michael Ervin '88**

and **David Yoder '02**.

Board members whose terms expire in 2011 are as follows: **Fritz Appel '58**, **Robert McIver '77**, **Mary Beth Finley Farris '85**, **Laurie Stevenson Urland '90**, **Christopher Beaver '97** and **Ryan McCreary '04**.

Board members whose terms expire in 2012 are as follows: **the Rev. Claude Deal '59**, **Alfred Current '76**, **Dr. Jeremy Fisher '88**, **the Rev. Todd Cutter '96**, **M. David Brittain '00**, and **Douglas B. Blackburn Jr. '04**.

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Without your help, the university would not be able to provide the one-of-a-kind education that they received. This year 98 percent of our students, such as the students shown above, received scholarships and other forms of financial aid. A major source of that aid is your gift to The Fund for Lenoir-Rhyne. Through that gift, you touched almost every student on campus.

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